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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 23, 2015

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are pleased to submit the enclosed Charter for the National Commission on Forensic Science (the Commission), which we are providing in accordance with Section 9 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II. The Commission will provide the Attorney General with recommendations and advice concerning national methods and strategies for strengthening the validity and reliability of the forensic sciences (including medico-legal death investigation); enhancing quality assurance and quality control in forensic science laboratories and units; identifying and recommending scientific guidance and protocols for evidence seizure, testing, analysis, and reporting by forensic science laboratories and units; and identifying and assessing other needs of the forensic science communities to strengthen their disciplines and meet the increasing demands generated by the criminal and civil justice systems at all levels of government.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Kadzik  
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member



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The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Assistant Attorney General

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cc: The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Member



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Ms. Sara Striner, Chair  
Federal Advisory Committee Desk  
Library of Congress  
101 Independence Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20540-4172

Dear Ms. Striner:

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